

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 5, please delete the seventh full paragraph which starts at line 20. and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 6 is a timing chart~~Figs. 6(a) and 6(b) are timing charts showing the waveforms of the two types of output signals of the linear encoder 11.

Please delete the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 10 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 10(a) through 10(h) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the first embodiment.

On page 6, please delete the first full paragraph which starts at line 2 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 11 is a diagram~~Figs. 11(a) through 11(c) are diagrams showing an example~~examples~~ of the print image that is obtained by executing the printing method of the first embodiment.

On page 6, please delete the third full paragraph which starts at line 7 and replace it with the following amended one:

~~Fig. 13 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 13(a) through 13(g) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the second embodiment.

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On page 6, please delete the seventh full paragraph which starts at line 18 and replace it with the following one:

~~Fig. 17 is a schematic diagram~~Figs. 17(a) through 17(g) are schematic diagrams for describing the positional relationship between the print head 36, the reflective optical sensor 29, and the print paper P when printing is executed using the printing method of the third embodiment.